

REMARKS

In the above-noted Amendment, the status identifier provided in parenthesis for Claim 10 was not correct.

The Notice states that “Only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment document must be submitted.” Accordingly, Applicants are hereby supplementing the Amendment by re-representing the section of the Amendment directed to amending claims. More specifically, amended Claims 4, 6, 10, and 15 have been re-presented herein using a correct parenthetical status identifier for each claim including Claim 10. (The status identifiers used herein have been selected based on the changes in the claims relative to the claims as presented in the Amendment filed August 29, 2005.)

Claims Status

Claims 14 through 11 and 15 through 24 remain pending in the application. No new matter has been presented. Claims 4, 6, and 15 are the only independent claims pending in the application.

Conclusion

It is also respectfully submitted that this Response to Notice and Supplemental Amendment (“Response”) is fully responsive to the Notice and ensures that the Amendment, filed August 29, 2005, is fully compliant with the Rules.

Applicants believe that no fee is necessary. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to change any fee which may be deemed necessary in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, he is instructed to telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Applicants' attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our New York office at the address listed below.

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